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Head Quarters Department Trans-Mississippi,

SHREVEPORT, LA., JUNE 3, 1863.

General Orders, No. 15.

I. All soldiers escaped from Arkansas Post who have not reported for duty, will do so at once, at the following points, viz: Troops from Arkansas, at Little Rock, and from Texas, at Shreveport. Those who do not comply with this order immediately, and whom it may become necessary to arrest for failure to do so, will be treated as deserters.

II. Brig.-Gen. E. Greer, P. A. C. S., is assigned to duty as Commandant of Conscripts for the Dep't. of Trans-Mississippi, and will establish his Head Quarters at Shreveport, La. Commandants of Conscripts for the several Districts within the Department will make their reports and returns to General Greer and be under and subject to his orders.

By command of

LIEUT.-GEN. E. KIRBY SMITH.

S. S. ANDERSON,
Ass't. Adj't. Gen.

Head Quarters Department Trans-Mississippi,

SHREVEPORT, LA., JUNE 16, 1863.

General Orders, No. 20.

I. In obedience to instructions from the Secretary of War, it is hereby announced, "that in future no substitute for a soldier in service will be received, unless the substitution first have the approval of the General Commanding the Army or the Department to which the soldier belongs."

By command of

LIEUT.-GEN. E. KIRBY SMITH

S. S. ANDERSON,
Ass't. Adj't. Gen.

Head Quarters Dept. Trans-Mississippi,

SHREVEPORT, LA., JULY 25, 1863.

General Orders, No. 31.

I. Communication with the seat of Government being interrupted, all officers and agents connected with the Army on duty within the Department of Trans-Mississippi acting under orders from Richmond, will in future receive their instructions from the Department Commander; all such officers and agents will report by letter to Department Head Quarters without delay, stating the nature of the duty in which they are engaged, the authority under which they are acting and the extent of their operations.

II. The enrolment of Conscripts is solely under the direction of the Conscript Bureau, the officers thereof acting under orders from Department Head Quarters; all other officers are therefore forbidden to enrol Conscripts or recruit from persons within Conscript ages, unless by special permission in writing from the Department Commander.

By command of

LIEUT.-GEN. E. KIRBY SMITH.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Ass't. Adj't. Gen.

Head Quarters Dept. Trans-Miss.

SHREVEPORT, LA., AUGUST 2d, 1863.

General Orders No. 34.

In conformity with Paragraph II General Orders No. 24, current series from the Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, Richmond, Va., "Officers of the army who are dropped from the rolls, cashiered "by Courts-Martial, or whose resignations are accepted, and who may "thus become liable to military duty under the conscription acts, will "when present with their commands, be at once enrolled by their re-"spective Brigade commanders. When not so present, their names "will be furnished by their commanding officers to the proper enrolling "officer of the district to which they belong, or in which they reside: "provided, that any officer so liable to enrolment may select in his "former command, any company from his own State in which to be "enrolled.

All commanding officers are hereby directed to see that this order is strictly enforced.

By command of

Lieut. Gen'l E. Kirby Smith,

S. S. ANDERSON,

Ass't. Adj't. Gen'l.

Head Quarters Dept. Trans-Miss.

SHREVEPORT, LA., AUGUST 14th, 1863.

General Orders
No. 36.

I.—All clerks and employees in the military service, liable to conscription in the Department of Trans-Mississippi, will be immediately enrolled and, within twenty days thereafter, sent to the camps of instruction in their respective Districts.

All able bodied men, except Artificers and Mechanics, who are now serving in the several Staff Departments, will be relieved and ordered to join their proper companies and regiments, unless especially detailed by the District Commander upon proof of necessity of service, —their places will be supplied by those who are not capable of active service in the field whether by age, sex, or physical disability.

II.—All officers and soldiers belonging to the garrisons of Vicksburg and Port Hudson previous to the surrender of those places, who may be within the Department of Trans-Mississippi either by furlough or otherwise, will report, by the fifteenth day of September next or at the expiration of their furlough, at one of the following named places, viz:—those from Arkansas, at the camp of Instruction at Washington, Ark.,—from Missouri, at Little Rock, Ark,—from Louisiana, at the camp of instruction, near Shreveport, La.,—from Texas, at the places directed by Major Genl. Magruder. The Quarter Master's Department will furnish necessary transportation to officers and men reporting in compliance with this order.

By command of

Lieut. Gen'l E. Kirby Smith,

S. S. ANDERSON,

Ass't. Adj't. Gen'l.

Head Quarters Department Trans-Mississippi,

SHREVEPORT, LA., AUG. 26, 1863.

General Orders, No. 38.

In accordance with the Proclamation of the President, a general pardon and amnesty is hereby granted to all officers and soldiers now absent without leave in the Department of Trans-Mississippi who will return to duty by the 30th day of September, proximo.

Officers and enlisted men in the Department of Trans-Mississippi whose commands are east of the Mississippi River, will under this amnesty report as follows, viz: Those from Arkansas at the Camp of Instruction, at Washington and District Headquarters; from Texas, at Bonham and Houston; from Louisiana, at Shreveport and District Headquarters; and will be permitted to attach themselves temporarily to any regiment of their own corps now serving in this Department.

This amnesty and pardon shall also extend to all who have been convicted and are undergoing sentence for absence without leave, or desertion, excepting only those who have been twice convicted thereof.

By command of

LIEUT.-GEN. E. KIRBY SMITH

S. S. ANDERSON,
Ass't. Adj't. Gen.

Head Quarters Dept. Trans-Mississippi,
SHREVEPORT, LA., AUG. 31, 1863.

General Orders, No. 40.

General orders No. 36 current series from Department Head Quarters is intended to embrace all officers and enlisted men in this Department who were paroled at Vicksburg and Port Hudson, and is hereby extended to embrace all officers and enlisted men on parole as prisoners of war within the Department of the Trans-Mississippi.

By command of

LIEUT.-GEN. E. KIRBY SMITH.

S. S. ANDERSON,
Ass't. Adj't. Gen.

Head Quarters Dept. Trans-M

SHREVEPORT, LA., SEPT. 7th, 18

General Orders No. 43.

I. All officers belonging to the garrisons of Vicksburg and P Hudson, at the time of their surrender, who may be within the Dep ment of Trans-Mississippi, will proceed at once to re-organize t commands from such men belonging thereto, as may be within limits of the Department, reporting to the District Commanders.

II. The privilege granted in General Orders No. 38 current se from Department Headquarters, allowing officers and men report under that order, "to attach themselves temporarily to any regiment their own corps now serving in this Department," is extended to e brace all troops absent from their colors east of the Mississippi who commands have not been ordered to re-organize within this Dep ment.

By command of

Lieut. Gen'l E. Kirby Smith,

S. S. ANDERSON,

Ass't. Adj't. Gen'l.

Head Quarters Dept. Trans-Mississippi,
SHREVEPORT, LA., SEPT. 16th, 1863.

General Orders No. 44.

All papers required by the Regulations of the army to be sent to Chiefs of Departments at Richmond, will in future be sent to the Chiefs of Bureaux of the respective Departments at these Head-quarters.

By command of

Lieut. Gen. E. KIRBY SMITH,

S. S. ANDERSON,

Ass't Adj't Gen.

Head-quarters Dept. Trans-Miss.
Shreveport, La., Sept. 17th, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 46.

I. At a General Court Martial convened at Shreveport, La, by Par. II, Sp cial Order No. 128, current series from these Head Quarters, whereof Lt.-C Aristide Gerard, 13th Regiment La. Volunteers, is President, was arraig and tried,

Private *J. H. Eastham*, Furman's Co., 2nd Regt. La. Cavalry,.

Charge 1st--Disobedience of Orders 9th art. of war.

Specification—In this that private *J. H. Eastham*, of Furman's Co. 2 Regiment La. Cavalry, on or about the 12th day of August A. D. 1863, hav been detailed for duty as a tinner in the tinshop attached to the C. S. Labrato and being ordered by Geo Howard King, 1st Lieut. Artillery and Ordnance A. C. S. the commanding officer of said Labratory, through T. A. Woods, Sup intendent of the same, to repair forthwith to the tin shop (from which he the sa Private J. H. Eastham was absent without leave) and return to his work, r fused so to do, making use of violent and abusive language, thereby disobeyin the lawful commands of his superior and commanding officer, the said Lieu Geo. Howard King, all this in the city of Shreveport, La.

Charge 2nd—Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military disciplin 99th Art of war.

Specification 1st—In this, that he, the said private J. H. Eastham, of Furman' company, 2nd La. cavalry, on or about the 11th day of August, A. D. 1863, di in a barber shop, on Market street, accost the said Lieut. King, inquiring if he had issued a certain order to be executed by the detailed and hired men employ ed in the C. S. Labratory, and upon being told that such an order had been issued, did reply that he the said Lieut. King, had no authority under the regulations to issue such orders, and he began to read a certain paragraph of the army regulations, which he had copied, and would not refrain from discussion of the matter until ordered to do so the second time, and then, with reluctance and ill humor, thereby rendering himself guilty of conduct entirely subversive of good order and military discipline, all this in the city of Shreveport, La.

Specification 2nd—In this, that he, the said private J. H. Eastham, of Furman's company, 2nd La. cavalry, on or about the 12th day of August, A. D. 1863, being ordered by Geo. Howard King, 1st. Lieut Artillery and Ordnance as aforesaid through T. A. Woods, Superintendent as aforesaid, to return to his work at the tin shop, appertaining to the C. S. Labratory refused to do so, defying any man, officer or private, to force him so to do, and did not comply with said order, and publicly in the said Laboratory in a loud and audible voice did incite his comrades, the other men detailed from the armies of the Confederate States, and the hired men employed in the C. S. Labratory to resist the order given them to work eleven hours a day, thereby being guilty of mutinous conduct, all this in the city of Shreveport, La.

Specification 3rd—In this, that he, the said Private J. H. Eastham being ordered on or about the 12th day of August, A. D. 1863, by Geo. Howard King, 1st Lieut. Artillery and Ordnance commanding Laboratory as aforesaid, through T. A. Woods, Superintendent as aforesaid, to return forthwith to the tin shop

appertaining to the C. S. Labratory and resume his work, refused so to do, and grossly insulted the said T. A. Woods by vile and abusive language and threats, and actually drew a knife with the evident intentions of striking the said T. A. Woods with the same; thereby being guilty of mutinous conduct. All this in the ;ity of Shreveport, La.

FINDINGS:

Of the specification to the 1st charge. - -	Not guilty.
Of the first charge. - - -	Not guilty.
Of the 1st specification to the 2d charge. - -	Not guilty.
Of the 2d specification to the 2d charge. - -	Not guilty.
Of the 3d specification to the 2d charge. - -	Not guilty.
Of the 2d charge. - - -	Not guilty.

And the Court do therefore acquit Private J. H. Eastham, Furman's Co., 2d giment La. Cavalry.

II. The proceedings in this case are disapproved. The court err in the opin- ı regarding the legality of orders issued through an appointed and recognized ;ent. Even though that agent have no military rank; the superintendent of .e Labratory, appointed by the chief of the Department, and placed in charge f the workmen and detailed men, while he may originate no orders, publishes, ınd sees that the orders of the common Military Chief are enforced. Captain King's order, issued through Mr. Wood, the recognized superintendent of the abratory, was binding; in the 3d specification of the 2d charge, the prisoner clearly proved to have disobeyed that order. The conduct of Capt. King in ne character of the punishment inflicted upon Private Eastham is reprehensible; .t is by the illegal and arbitrary ~~existence~~ exercise of power that the military authority gets into disrepute, and the Commander forfeits the love of his men and loses the support of the public. Private Eastham will be released from arrest, and will rejoin his company.

III. The General Court Martial of which Lieut. Colonel Gerard is president, is dissolved. By command of

Lieut. General E. KIRBY SMITH.
S. S. ANDERSON, Ass't Adj't General.

Head Quarters Dept. Trans-Miss.
Shreveport, La., 28th Oct., 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 49.

Quartermasters, assistant Quartermasters and their agents serving in the Department of Trans-Mississippi, are prohibited from furnishing transportation by stage, to Officers or enlisted men.

Enlisted men entitled to transportation will be forwarded with Government trains leaving Depots and Stations.

By command of

Lieut.-Gen. E. Kirby Smith.

S. S. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Dept. Trans-Miss.
Shreveport, La., Nov. 3d, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 59.

Paragraph VIII Special Orders No. 175, current series. from Department Head Quarters is hereby revoked.

Post Commissaries in this Department, will when their supplies admit of it, sell to the families of Officers and Soldiers residing at their posts a limited amount of Commissary stores. The certificate heretofore furnished will be used in all cases made under this order. The prices charged will be the actual cost of the articles sold, transportation included.

By command of

Lieut.-Gen. E. Kirby Smith.

S. S. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Dept. Trans-Miss.

Shreveport, La., Nov. 12th, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 53.

In accordance with instructions from the Secretary of War, an auxilary branch of the "Army Intelligence Office" subsidiary to that in the city of Richmond is hereby established for the Department Trans-Mississippi, at Shreveport, Louisiana, under the superintendance of Mr. R. S. Thomas. Its object being to inform the friends and relatives of sick and wounded soldiers, of their whereabouts and condition; to facilitate communication with the army; and to secure a correct list of the deaths which have occurred, or may hereafter occur among our troops whether within our lines or those of the enemy.

To the accomplishment of these ends, all Surgeons will furnish to the Intelligence Office through the proper channels, and with the least possible delay, a list of the sick and wounded now in Hospital, and a list of the deaths among those who may have been under their charge—giving the name, rank, Company and Regiment,—whether the death was caused by sickness or wounds. In the case of a death in hospital, the date of the admission of the deceased should be given. Hereafter, weekly reports, embracing the above specified particulars must be forwarded promptly to the Intelligence Office, through the proper channels.

Immediately after an engagement, Commanding Officers are required to forward direct to the Intelligence Office, without waiting until their Official Reports can be made, a list of the casualties in their Command; giving in addition to the name, the rank, Company and Regiment, and the nature of the wound.

Upon application by Mr. Thomas, accompanied by Surgeon's certificate of disability for field service, the requisite number of men will be detailed for clerks in the Army Intelligence office.

The Quartermaster's and Subsistence Departments will furnish to Mr. Thomas, upon his requisition, such supplies as may be necessary.

By command of

Lieut.-Gen. E. Kirby Smith.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Dept. Trans-Miss.
Shreveport, La., Nov. 13th, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 54.

I. All officers in the Department of Trans-Mississippi whose commands are east of the Mississippi river, unless on duty under orders from Department or District Head-Quarters, will join their respective commands forthwith.

II. District Commanders will in their respective districts relieve all Officers belonging to commands east of the Mississippi, whose services can possibly be dispensed with, and order them to join their proper commands without delay, reporting their names to these Head-Quarters, and also the names of those retained, together with the nature of the services in which they are engaged.

By command of

Lieut.-Gen. E. Kirby Smith.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Dept. Trans-Miss.
Shreveport, La., Nov. 14th, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 55.

General Orders No. 12, current series, from Department Head Quarters, is modified to read as follows,—Applicants for appointment in the Medical Staff of the Army, who have passed their examination and been assigned to duty, will be paid upon the certificates of the Medical Directors to the facts, and that the services have been rendered.

By command of

Lieut.-Gen. E. Kirby Smith.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept.
Shreveport, La., Nov. 18th, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 57.

I. The great abuse of authority by Officers, in impressing wagons, teams, &c., belonging to persons changing their homes, and the annoyance arising therefrom, demands the most stringent orders on the subject and their rigid enforcement.

Hereafter refugees with their property must not be interfered with or molested, in any manner whatever, until they have acquired a home.

Any violation of this order by an Officer or Agent of the Government, will subject the offender to arraignment before, and trial by, a General Court Martial.

II. Captain P. H. Thomson, Assistant Adjutant General, is hereby assigned to duty at Department Head Quarters.

By command of

Lieut.-Gen. E. Kirby Smith.

S. S. ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept.
Shreveport, La., Nov. 27th, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 58.

I. Frequent instances having been brought to the knowledge of the Commanding General, of Leaves of Absence and Furloughs being granted by Subordinate Commanders,—Hereafter no orders will be recognized separating an Officer or Soldier from his Command, except in cases of sick soldiers in General Hospitals, unless issued from Department or District Head Quarters, or with the sanction of District Commanders.

Officers and Soldiers absent from their commands, whose orders do not bear the approval required by this order, will be arrested and sent to their commands, and the papers relating to their cases forwarded to these Head Quarters. A rigid scrutiny will be made in all cases, and the Officer who may issue such irregular orders will subject himself to arrest and trial.

II. Hereafter no transportation or commutation thereof will be allowed to sick soldiers going on furlough, unless on the approval of the Chief Medical Officers of the Field or Hospital Service, attached to the Staff of District Commanders.

III Captain C. S. West, Assistant Adjutant General, is relieved from duty as Assistant Inspector General, and announced as Acting Judge Advocate General for the Trans-Mississippi Department.

By command of

Lieut.-Gen. E. Kirby Smith.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Mississippi Department.

SHREVEPORT, LA., NOV. 28th, 1863.

General Orders, No. 59.

The following notice relating to Paroled Prisoners is published for the information and guidance of all concerned :

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
WAR DEP'T, RICHMOND, VA., OCT. 10th, 1863.

" LT. COL. N. G. WATTS, MOBILE, ALA.
" SIR:—All the prisoners taken at Port Hudson, and those paroled.
" by Gen. Banks, are free to go to duty. Neither our Government nor
" the Federals recognize the Parole. * * * * *

Resp'y. your ob't. serv't.,
(Signed) ROBERT OULD,
Agent of Exchange.

In accordance with the above, all officers and enlisted men in the Trans-Mississippi Department embraced in the foregoing notice, will report immediately for duty.

By Command of

Lieut. Gen. E. KIRBY SMITH,
S. S. ANDERSON,
Ass't. Adj't. Gen.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept.
Shreveport, La., Dec. 3d, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 60.

I. On the first day of each month, Officers of the Subsistence Department will make a list of prices of the stores on hand, which will be the ruling prices for the month for sales and for invoices. The basis for these prices must be the average first cost of the articles respectively.

If the articles received are of the tax in kind, their value will be in accordance with the schedule of prices as arranged by the Board of Commissioners for the State, appointed pursuant to the Impressment Act, published in General Orders No. 37, Adjutant & Inspector General's Office, Richmond, Va., April 6, 1863.

II. For service with troops in the field, herders for beef cattle, when required, will be obtained by details from the cavalry force serving with the troops.

At depots, herders (non-conscripts) will be hired, and suitable horses or mules and equipments for them obtained by transfer from the Quartermaster's Department, when practicable.—For this purpose, the Officer of the Subsistence Department in charge of the depot shall make requisition on the local Officer of the Quartermaster's Department having charge of the kinds of property required, and, upon certificate of the latter that it is not practicable to furnish them, the Officer of the Subsistence Department is authorized to purchase. The requisition so certified shall be attached to the account for the expenditures, as part of the voucher therefor.

III. The ration of fresh beef is one pound and a quarter for the Trans-Mississippi Department.

The reduction of the ration of sugar to six pounds per hundred rations will go into effect on the first day of January, 1864.

By command of

Lieut.-Gen. E. Kirby Smith.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Head Quarters Trans-Miss. Dept.
Shreveport, La., Dec. 10th, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 61.

I. Major George Williamson, A. A. G., is relieved as Assistant Inspector General, and assigned to duty in the Office of the Adjutant General, Department Headquarters.

II. Major Jno. A. Buckner, A. A. G., is assigned to duty in the Inspector General's Department, and will report to Col. Ben Allston, Inspector General

By command of

Lieut.-Gen. E. Kirby Smith.

S. S. ANDERSON,

Assistant Adjutant General.

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